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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 16, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Remarks

In the Office action, the Examiner made double-patenting rejections of claims 1-26 for double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,342,294 ("the '249"). In order to obviate these rejections, an appropriate terminal disclaimer has been submitted. Therefore, the Examiner's double patenting rejections should be withdrawn and this application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Should the examiner feel that any unresolved issues remain in the case, the undersigned may be contacted at 1-816-474-6550.

Respectfully submitted,

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